GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2991
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2008
SELLING OF RUBBER GAS PIPE BY LPG DISTRIBUTORS
Muqueem Shri Mohammed

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the gas distributors compel the customers to purchase the rubber pipe etc. from them and book the gas only on purchase of the said pipe;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb the unhealthy practices of dealers and protect the customers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have not directed their LPG distributors to sell gas rubber pipes etc. for domestic use to customers. However, in view of safety considerations, customers are encouraged by the OMCs to use LPG tubes which offer improved safety, viz., longer life, fire retardant property, rodent proof wire braiding and ozone resistant layer. Customers are not under any compulsion to purchase the same from the LPG distributors. In fact, customers are at liberty to buy these pipes (meeting BIS specifications) from any source of their choice.